

Delaware State House (Old State House)
East side of the Green
Dover
Kent County
Delaware

HABS No. DE-199

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS...

STATE Delaware	COUNTY Kent	TOWN OR VICINITY Dover
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Delaware State House		HABS NO. DE-199
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Old State House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) East side of the Green		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1787-1792	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) State House built in 1787-92 using brick from the previous 1722 State House for its foundations. Served as State House from 1792 to 1932 and as Kent County Courthouse from 1792 to 1873. Heavily restored, 20th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing walls; Flemish bond on front, common bond on sides		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; two-and-a-half stories, one-story wing on south, annex to east (rear)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof with balustraded deck; cupola; modillioned cornice; Palladian window second level center, broken pediment on doorway, fanlight; splayed marble lintels with keystones; marble-topped water table.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Sweeping double stairway curves back and meets over doorway; interior restored to original state house appearance, including furnishings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1873-75: Mansard roof; tower in center of front obscuring Palladian window. 1836-1926: Various additions. 1910: Original roofline and second-floor windows restored; 1974-76: exterior and interior		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE restoration.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination, listed 1971. Oberlein and Hubbard, <u>Historic Houses and Buildings of Delaware</u> (Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1963), pp. 53-55; photograph of its Victorian appearance, p. 52. Delaware State House: <u>A Preservation Report</u> , Dover: Division of Historical and Cultural		
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